(a) the execution status of the single window clearance for export-import activities and change in Labour Law required for export growth;

(b) the list of institutions/agencies through which research, market survey and related activities are conducted to make India's trade viable in world market offensively rather than present defensive and outcome thereof;

(c) the findings and future strategies; and

(d) the list of items on which patent right has been granted in favour of India?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Since different Central and State agencies provide different services, it is not possible to introduce single window system for all export items. However Government has formulated various measures towards streamlining procedures such as electronic filing of applications, prescribing time schedule for considering licensing applications, substantial delegation of powers and rationalisation of export promotion schemes. These measures do not include any proposal for changes in labour laws exclusively for the export sector.

(b) and (c) Some of the main Institutions/Agencies connected with export-import growth and developments are Commodity Boards. Export Promotion Councils, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Federation of Indian Export Organisation, India Trade Promotion Organisation etc. The suggestions based on their experience and the study and research made by these organisations are received by Government from time to time and after due consideration, these are incorporated in the EXIM Policy depending on the suitability thereof.

(d) the list of items on which patent right has been granted in favour of India?

Officials in the Service of WTO

2950. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that some officials who negotiated on behalf of the country at the WTO have joined the service under the WTO;

(b) if so, the names of such officials and details of salary offered at the WTO; and

(c) whether Government would consider banning the employment of retired officials of Government of India at such bodies?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) It is submitted that World Trade Organisation (WTO was established on 1.1.1995 as a result of Marrakesh Agreement dated April 15, 1994. No official, who negotiated on behalf of the country at the World Trade Organisation (WTO), joined the service under the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It may not be in national interest to deny employment opportunities to retired officials of the Government of India in the World Trade Organisation (WTO) where there is a need to increase the representation of developing countries.

Commanding Heights of Economy Remains in Public Sector

2951. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the "Commanding heights of economy remains in the public sector in view of globalisation;

(b) which are the public sector enterprises identified as "Profit making concern by pumping more money, eliminating bottlenecks and allied ills affecting their efficient functioning"; and

(c) the details which are exclusive concerns and which are facing market competition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) to (c) With the announcement of New Industrial Policy in July 1991 Government changed its policy towards Public Sector Units (PSUs). The decades-old command economy approach gave way to a new approach to the Public Sector. This included focus on strategic and high-technology production units and to essential infrastructure and disinvestments to varying degrees, in other PSUs. Budgetary support to PSUs was reduced and the number of industries reserved for the public sector were slashed from 17 to only 4. The four industries which are the exclusive concern of public sector are: Arms and ammunition and allied items of defence equipment, defence aircraft and warships, Atomic energy, Minerals specified in the Schedule to the Atomic Energy (Control of Production and Use) Order, 1953 and Railway transport. The rest of the industries are open to private sector and market competition.